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TO : Chief, FDM
DATE: 27 January 1950
FROM : Chief of Station, Karlsruhe
SUBJECT: GENERAL - Operational
SPECIFIC: Personality Targets - Former German Lt. Col. RUDOLF
REF : MOBA-5337

1. Before approaching the Historical Division, or any other agency in this matter, request that security and political implications of the case be considered, both by Washington and Berlin. GUDERIAN is a very good friend of the Chief of the Analysis Division, ODEUM. He has a reputation for indiscretion and for lack of political tact. He is, however, reported to be an enthusiastic anti-Communist and would, no doubt, want to be helpful.

2. Perhaps the hardest problem is how to get to GUDERIAN. I raised the question sometime ago whether we should attempt any operational liaison with Historical Division, EUCOM, and advised us not to do so. Furthermore, the Historical Division may have been somewhat discredited recently with its Generals by:

A. Their requests for plans for the defense of Western Germany,

B. ADENAUER's statement that the Allies had requested such plans, and

C. MCCLOY's denial.

3. As a final consideration, I might add that GUDERIAN is the center of a beehive of all sorts of activity. Personalities from various departments in Washington come to talk with him, German politicians approach him, CIC watches him, Historical Division employs him, HICOG on the local level sends out interrogators to ask him questions, and everybody who is writing a book corresponds with him. Thus, if he should happen to be indiscrete about our little operation, we would certainly get good publicity!

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